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PREFACE.

This collection has been prepared mainly for use in schools. Believing that in the preparation of school song books too little attention has been paid to the character of the words sung, we have made our selections for the most part from the writings of American poets of high standing. With these before us, we have sought for music of an equally high order with which to wed the words, and where we have introduced old and familiar songs, we have edited the music with care. In nearly all the part songs, the melody can be sung alone with good effect. We desire to acknowledge our special indebtedness to Professor C. E. R. Mueller for valuable aid rendered in the work of musical revision.

The several indexes with which the book is provided record the contents, and show the origin of the words and the music. By means of the Topical Index, the teacher may readily discover the adaptability of the book to those special occasions, like national holidays and birthday celebrations, which form an important element in school life.

We submit the result of our work to teachers and superintendents, with the hope that it may strengthen in our schools that spirit of loyalty to American ideals already nobly expressed in American poetry.

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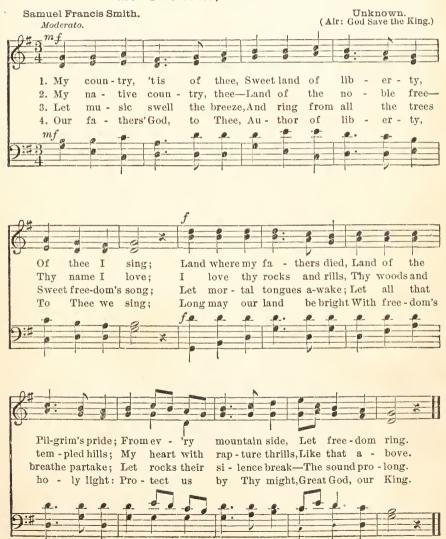
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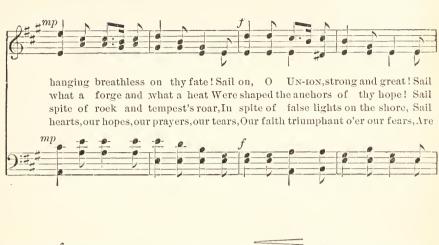






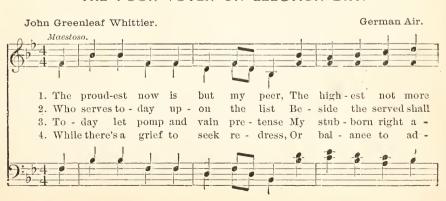








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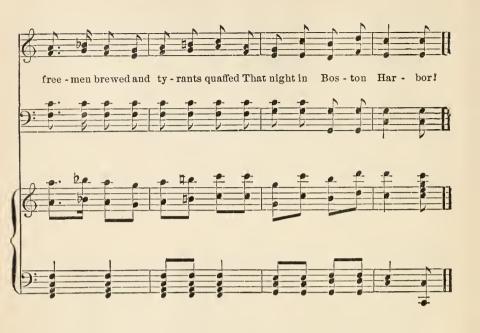












A SONG OF THE FLAG.

M. Woolsey Stryker.

(Air: Yankee Doodle - each stanza sung to first half of solo.)

 Roll a river wide and strong, Like the tides a-swinging;
 Lift the joyful floods of song, Set the mountains ringing.

CHORUS.

Run the lovely banner high!

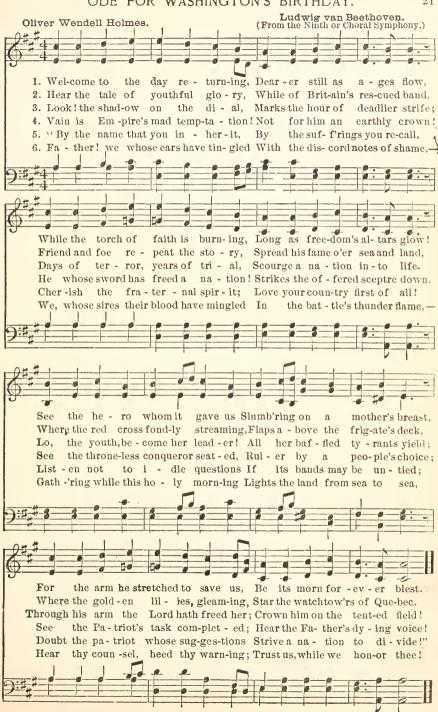
Morning's crimson glory,
Field as blue as God's own sky,
And every star a story.

- Drown the guns, outsound the bells,
 In the rocking steeple,
 While the chorus throbs and swells
 Of a happy people.
 Cho. Run the lovely banner, etc.
- 8. For our darling flag we sing, Pride of all the nation,

Flag that never knew a king,
Freedom's constellation.
CHO. Run the lovely banner, etc.

- Blest be God, fraternal wars
 Once for all are ended,
 And the gashes and the scars
 Peace and time have mended.
 Cho. Run the lovely banner, etc.
- Massachusetts, Maryland,
 Tennessee, Nebraska,
 One, Columbia's daughters stand
 From Georgia to Alaska.
 Cho. Run the lovely banner, etc.
- 6. Staff and masthead swing it forth— Liberty unblighted, West and East and South and North Evermore united!

CHO. Run the lovely banner, etc.











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Sung at Christmas by the scholars of St. Helena's Island, S. C.







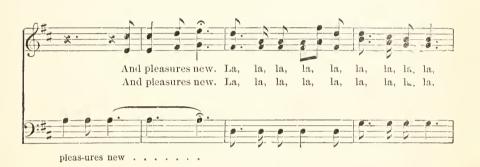


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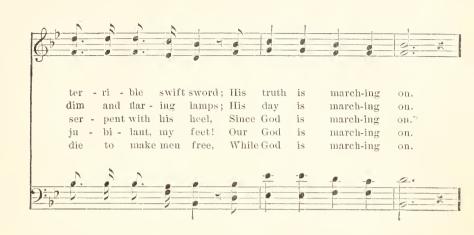




















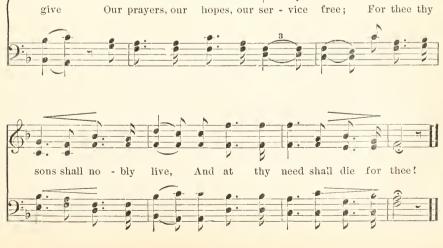






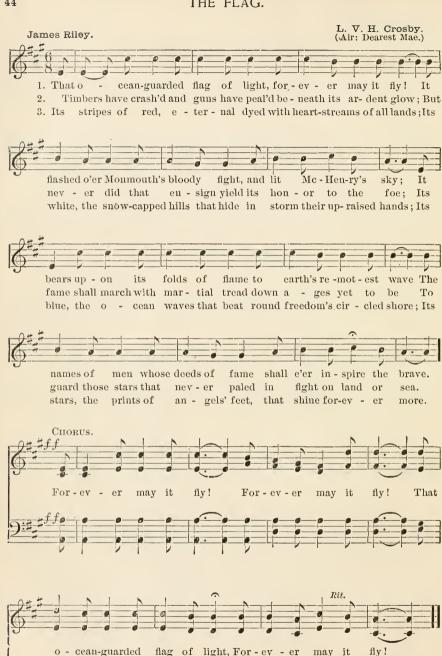










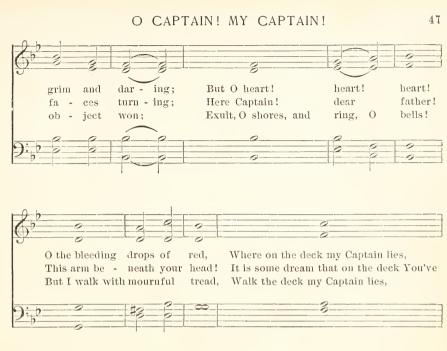


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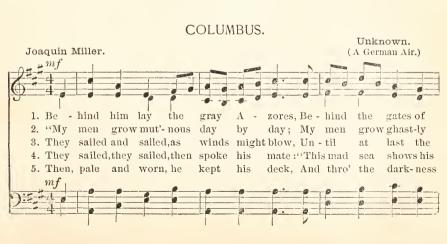
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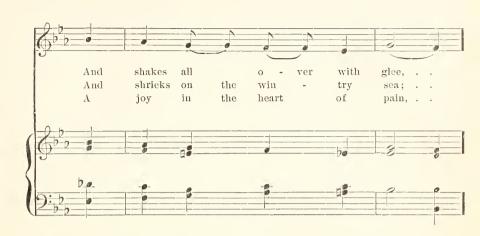




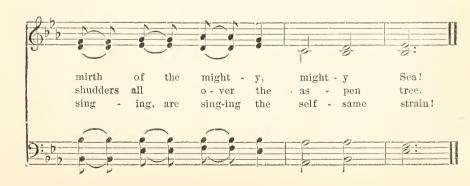










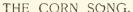


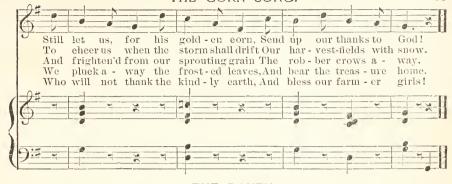




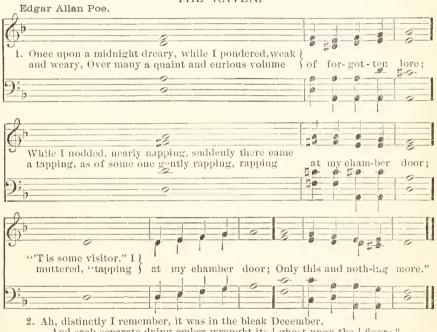








THE RAVEN.



- 2. Ah, distinctly I remember, it was in the bleak December,
 And each separate dying ember wrought its | ghost upon the | floor; ||
 Eagerly I wished the morrow, vainly I had sought to borrow
 From my books surecase of sorrow, sorrow | for the lost Le- | nore; ||
 For the rare and radiant maiden, | whom the angels | name Lenore, ||
 Nameless | here, for ever- | more. ||
- 3. Open then I flung the shutter, when, with many a flirt and flutter, In there stepped a stately raven of the | sainted days of | yore. ||
 Not the least obeisance made he; not an instant stopped or staid he;
 But, with mich of lord or lady, perched a- | bove my chamber | door; ||
 Perched upon a bust of Pallas, just a- | bove my chamber | door; ||
 Perched and | sat, and nothing | more. ||
- 4. And the raven, never flitting, still is sitting still is sitting
 On the pallid bust of Pallas, just a- | bove my ehamber | door: ||
 And his eyes have all the seeming of a demon that is dreaming,
 And the lamplight o'er him streaming throws his | shadow on the | floor; ||
 And my soul from out that shadow, that lies | floating on the | floor, ||
 Shall be | lifted never | more." ||



3 How sweet 't is to sit 'neath a fond father's smile,
And the cares of a mother to soothe and beguile.
Let others delight 'mid new pleasures to roam,
But give me, oh! give me the pleasures of home!
REFRAIN.

4 To thee I'll return, overburdened with care,
The heart's dearest solace will smile on me there.
No more from that cottage again will I roam,
Be it ever so humble, there's no place like home.
REFRAIN.





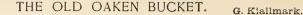












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- 2. That moss-covered vessel I hail as a treasure —
 For often, at noon, when returned from the field,
 I found it the source of an exquisite pleasure,
 The purest and sweetest that nature can yield;
 How ardent I seized it, with hands that were glowing,
 And quick to the white-pebbled bottom it fell —
 Then soon, with the emblem of truth overflowing,
 And dripping with coolness, it rose from the well —
 The old oaken bucket the iron-bound bucket —
 The moss-covered bucket arose from the well.
- How sweet from the green mossy brim to receive it,
 As poised on the curb, it inclined to my lips!
 Not a full-blushing goblet could tempt me to leave it,
 Though filled with the nectar that Jupiter sips.
 And now, far removed from the loved habitation,
 The tear of regret will intrusively swell,
 As fancy reverts to my father's plantation,
 And sighs for the bucket, which hangs in the well—
 The old oaken bucket—the iron-bound bucket—
 The moss-covered bucket which hangs in the well.

















- 4 And the des'late Hiawatha,
 Far away amid the forest,
 Heard the voice of Minnehaha
 Calling to him in the darkness.
 Over snow-fields waste and pathless,
 Homeward hurried Hiawatha,
 Empty-hand d, heavy-hearted,
 Heard Nokomis moaning, wailing:
- 5 "Wahonowin! Wahonowin!
 Would that I had perished for you,
 Would that I were dead as you are!
 Wahonowin! Wahanowin!"
 And he rushed into the wigwam,
 Saw Nokomis rocking, moaning,
 Saw his lovely Minnehaha
 Lying dead and cold before him.
- 6 And his bursting heart within him Uttered such a cry of anguish, That the very stars in heaven Shook and trembled with his anguish. Then he sat down, still and speechless, On the bed of Minnehaha,

- At those willing feet that never More would lightly run to meet him.
- 7 With both hands his face he covered, Seven long days and nights he sat there As if in a swoon, unconscious Of the daylight or the darkness. Then they buried Minnehaha, Underneath the moaning hemlocks; Clothed her in her richest garments, Covered her with snow, like ermine.
- 8 And at night a fire was lighted,
 On her grave four times was kindled,
 For her soul upon its journey
 To the Islands of the Blessed.
 From his sleepless bed uprising,
 Hiawatha stood and watched it.
 "Farewell!" said he, "Minnehaha!
 Farewell, O my Laughing Water!

(From beginning to Fine.)

9 All my heart is buried with you,
All my thoughts go onward with you!
Soon your footsteps I shall follow
To the Islands of the Blessed!"













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STARS OF THE SUMMER NIGHT.







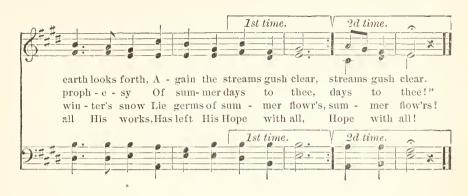












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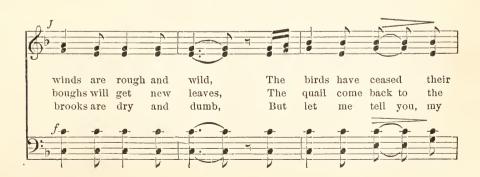






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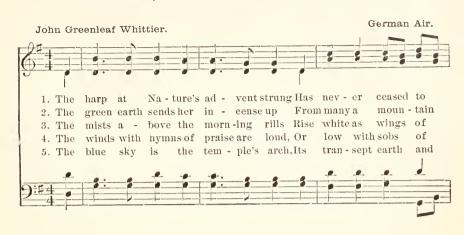


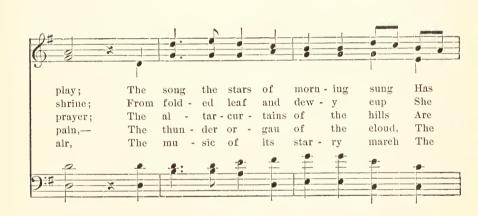


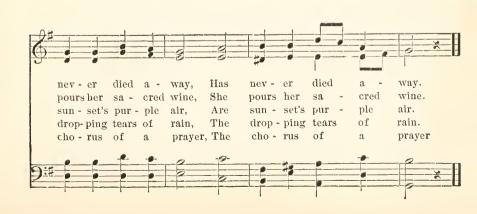




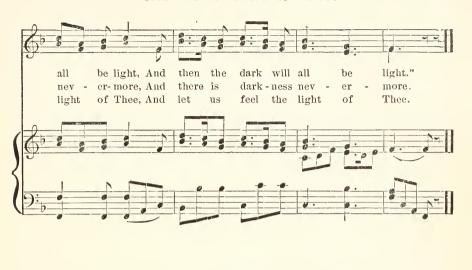












GONE.



- 1. An oth er hand is beck'ning us, An oth er call is given;
- 2. As pure and sweet, her fair brow seem'd E tern al as the sky;
- 3. And half we deem'd she needed not The changing of her sphere,
- 4. There seems a shad-ow on the day, Her smile no long-er cheers;
- 5. A lone un-to our Father's will One thought hath recon-ciled;





And glows once more with An - gel-steps The path which reaches And like the brook's low song, her voice, —A sound which could not die.

To give to heav'n a Shin-ing One, Who walked an An - gel here.

A dim - ness on the stars of night, Like eyes that look thro' tears.

That He whose love ex - ceed-eth ours Hath ta - ken home His child.













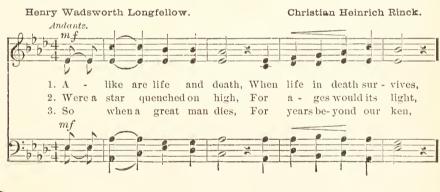


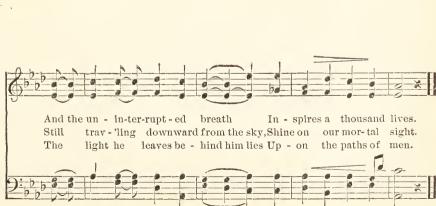






ALIKE ARE LIFE AND DEATH.















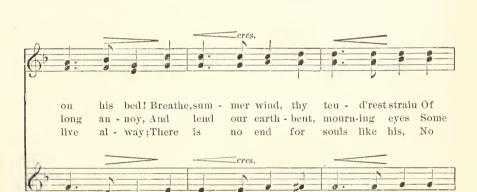
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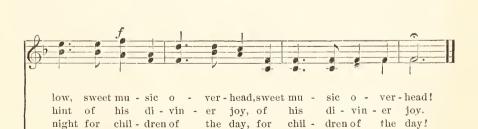
Joseph B. Sharland.



- 1. Re vive a gain, thou sum mer rain, The bro ken turf up -
- 2. With calm and beau-ty sym-bo-lize The peace which fol-lows
- 2. For safe with right and truth he is, As God lives he must





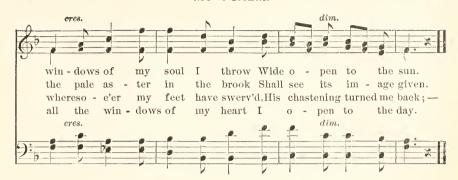












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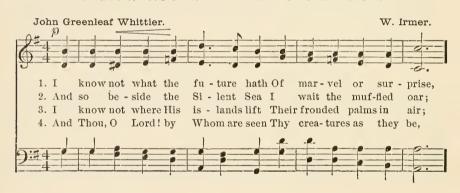


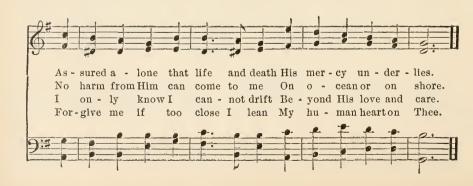




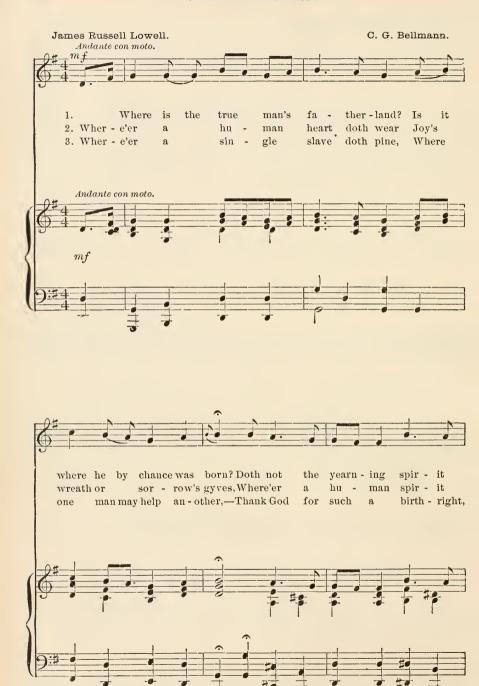


I KNOW NOT WHAT THE FUTURE HATH.















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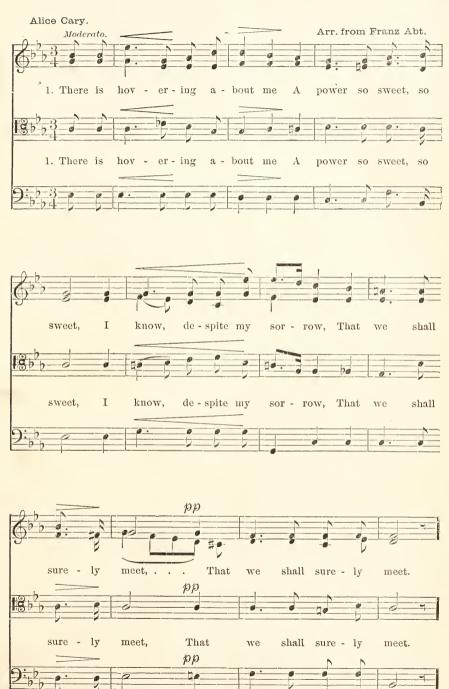




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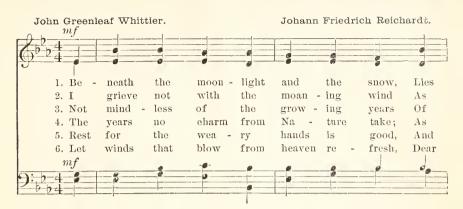








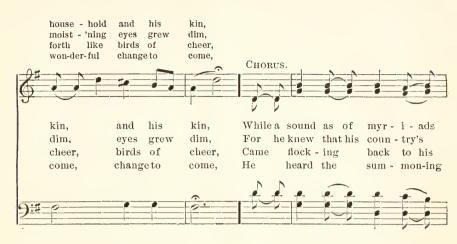




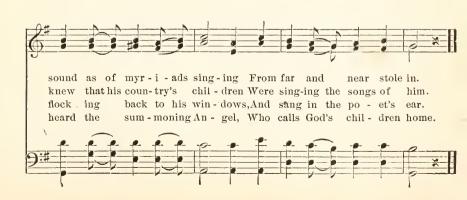
















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